UNITARIAN WORD & WORK

OCTOBER 1916

The Monthly Bulletin of the American Unitarian Association, The Alliance of Unitarian Women, Young People's Religious Union, and The Unitarian Temperance Society

Publication Department

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

25 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts

50 CENTS PER YEAR 7 CENTS PER COPY

THE UNITARIAN NATIONAL SOCIETIES

REPRESENTED IN THIS ISSUE OF WORD AND WORK

ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

UNITARIAN WORD AND WORK is regularly issued by the Publication Department of the American Unitarian Association on the first day of each month from October to June inclusive. Subscriptions can begin with any issue. Single copies, 7 cents; Subscription prices: individual subscriptions, 50 cents; in groups of 25 or more from one church, 40 cents each; 50 or more, 35 cents. Address the Publication Department, American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Entered at the Boston Post Office as second class matter

W36
v.20-21

UNITARIAN WORD & WORK

Monthly Bulletin of the American Unitarian Association, The Alliance of Unitarian Women, Young People's Religious Union, and Unitarian Temperance Society

Vol. 20 OCTOBER, 1916 No. 1

EDITORIAL

ADESTE FIDELES

"OH come, all ye faithful"—to the beginning of what ought to be a church year of great achievement for the Unitarian cause.

Each September brings the vision, each succeeding May submits the results achieved by striving to realize the vision. Once in a while one meets a Unitarian whose words and mental attitude seem to belie his creed. He is a Unitarian whose faith is running low and whose confidence in his own church seems to be on the wane. He sees the appalling indifference, or the amazing superstition of the masses. His own group of churches looks insignificant when placed beside the huge establishments of Orthodoxy. The statistics marshalled to show where the Kingdom of God is flourishing seem almost to ignore the existence of liberalism. His own voice and the voices of Unitarian preachers generally sound like August crickets in a thunder storm. Being a Unitarian he intellectually must admit the superiority of spiritual forces; but being on the point of losing his faith he beholds the world given over to materialism and error. Such a Unitarian should wear a coat of arms. It should be a man on a blue background with one leg going east and the other west. Or, to change the figure, he resembles a "sailor jack" turning on a spindle with arms and legs in motion, but going nowhere. He is the victim of the fugitive winds of popular sentiment.

* * *

"*Adeste Fideles!*" and know that "truth crushed to earth shall rise again", and nothing pays in the long run — even in this error-blinded and sin-haunted world save devotion to the truth and industry in putting it into the minds and hearts of the people.

All that a healthy Unitarian says in behalf of what is true, all that he gives to promote the working power of his church and denomination, and every pledge he makes in the interests of individual responsibility and spiritual growth, is just as sure to result in positive values, as the sunlight of a June morning is sure to materialize in flowers and fruit.

* * *

THE call therefore, is a loud and confident call to the faithful in all our churches. It is a call to those isolated and loyal Unitarians who realize the importance of their place in the Christian world. It is a call to take serious account of the work that is to be done and the methods to be adopted in the accomplishment of that work during the current year of organized activity.

At the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association held in May of this year, a resolution was passed which ought to be familiar to every one in our Household of Faith. For it is through such resolutions, passed at a moment when large representations from our churches are present, and the full measure of their responsibility is appre-

15060

ciated, that the genuine spirit of Unitarianism finds expression. After due consideration the Delegates from the churches and the Life Members of the American Unitarian Association resolved

"That on this Ninety-first Anniversary of the American Unitarian Association we view with deep satisfaction the notable developments of the past year. We record with gratitude the achievements of the Unitarian workers, the success of the Preaching Missions, and the response of the people of the churches by which $68,000 *was raised for the work of the Association;* $8,000 *for the churches in Western Canada;* $26,000 *for the endowment of the Women's Alliance, and* $43,000 *for the purchase of Star Island. We urge that during the coming year our people raise the following amounts for our common work:*

1. *For the aggressive extension of the work of the American Unitarian Association,* $75,000.

2. *For the Endowment Fund of the Young People's Religious Union,* $25,000.

3. *For the support of the Tuckerman School,* $5,000.

4. *For the increase of the pensions of the Unitarian Service Pension Society,* $10,000.

5. *For the needed equipment of our new churches and missions,* $45,000. *We urge that all societies and individuals cooperate heartily in these important plans for the coming year, that the ground gained during the past year may be strongly held and the forward movement vigorously continued."*

* * *

MONEY, of course, does not necessarily measure the spiritual influence of a church or a denomination. But without money no beneficent institutions can do their work. They seek the intellectual, moral and spiritual welfare of mankind. They are the agents of the people for the application of wealth in the interests of the highest good. Such institutions do not exist for their own sake. When they seem thus to do, becoming great property owners and absorbing power for the sake of wielding it, their function is of doubtful value. But when such institutions gather money simply that they may spend it wisely and unselfishly, having no motive but religious zeal, and seeking no end but the maximum amount of good that every dollar can assure, then, surely, those who have money should furnish it generously.

The American Unitarian Association has no selfish purpose. Its accounts, its methods, its policies, are open for inspection. Its directing board is ever ready for suggestion, for counsel, and for criticism. Those who have valuable ideas to impart looking towards greater efficiency and the accomplishment of greater good are welcome instructors. Its only pride is that inspired by good work well done and it looks to its faithful friends and well-wishers to give all the funds necessary that it may be their worthy servant.

"Oh come, all ye faithful!" and help us to work out a splendid record for 1916-17 — a longer, better, more beautiful record for truth, righteousness, and peace, than ever has been wrought out by the Unitarians of this country before! There are fanaticisms to combat, superstitions to expose, soul-suffering to assuage, new vistas of faith and hope to point out and untried ways into the Kingdom of God to make plain and easy for the bewildered victims of ecclesiastical arrogance and political oppression.

We, the officers and agents of the American Unitarian Association, will do our part in the spirit of genuine consecration if you will do the part which falls within the realm of your duty.

"Oh come, all ye Faithful, joyful and triumphant!"

THREE BOOKS

There are three new books to make their appearance this autumn bearing the imprint of the American Unitarian Association or the Beacon Press.

Each has its strong and pertinent individuality and each will deserve careful study on the part of those who are interested in the problems of life and conduct.

1. *Sources of Faith and Hope*, by Rev. Herbert H. Mott. Here we have the fundamental gospel of a reasonable Christianity. This book gives straight answers to the questions which a thoughtful and reverent young person would ask, had such a person never heard of a church or its teachings. The human soul, what reason have we for believing in its existence? What are the relations between the soul and the body? Why should the soul of a human being recognize any direct and personal relation with God? What are the eternal laws of right conduct? Why should this life be considered preliminary to a continued spiritual consciousness?

Such questions are met frankly, wisely and sympathetically. The book is written in the language that a wise father would use if instructing his own son — simple, concise and free from all mystifying technicalities. We have reason to believe that "Sources of Faith and Hope", representing the positive and creative beliefs of Unitarianism, will find an immediate and permanent place among those who desire satisfying solutions concerning the perennial enigmas of human experience.

2. *The Creed of Epictetus*, by Dr. U. G. B. Pierce. If anyone thinks this classified arrangement of the immortal sayings of the great stoic is interesting only to the antiquarian he will be undeceived by a careful reading of it. So far as its subject matter is concerned it might have been written yesterday on a modern typewriter. It is ancient only in the sense that its author lived long ago, for it applies to the issues of the twentieth century A. D. as directly, forcibly and with as searching a rebuke to every low motive in human life as it did when originally put in writing. Dr. Pierce has done with this material what he accomplished with Hebrew literature in his widely-read "Soul of the Bible."

3. *Faith Courageous-Daily Readings from the Sermons of Rev. Charles Elliott St. John, D.D.* It is a long time since we have had a gift volume of appropriate paragraphs, suitably arranged for daily reading. Mrs. St. John has, in these selections, given us the ripened vintage of many years of consecrated thought and labor. The paragraphs are often shorter than we could wish; but perhaps, for that very reason, they will be the longer remembered and strike with greater power upon the soul of the reader.

This little volume will appear in holiday attire and will be an admirable gift not only to the numberless friends of Dr. and Mrs. St. John, during the Christmas and New Year season, but it must also, when once examined, become a standard contribution to the culture of reverence and Christian character.

American Unitarian Association

Headquarters: 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., *President*
Rev. Louis C. Cornish, *Secretary*
Henry M. Williams, *Treasurer*
F. Stanley Howe, *Assistant Secretary*

Ministerial Personals

Rev. Francis M. McHale, Field Missionary of the Association and the Alliance in the Florida Circuit, died at Marianna, Fla., September 4. He has been succeeded by Rev. G. H. Zastrow, late of Humboldt, Iowa.

Rev. Harvey Dee Brown has accepted a call to become the Associate Minister of the Church of the Messiah in New York.

Rev. G. L. Mason has resigned at Green Harbor, Mass., to accept a call to the Universalist Church in North Orange, Mass.

Rev. R. E. Birks has resigned at Montague, Mass., Rev. C. G. Adams at Barre, Mass., and Rev. R. F. Tischer at Salem, Ore.

Rev. Palfrey Perkins has resigned at Brighton to accept a call to Weston, Mass.

Rev. C. F. Potter has resigned at Edmonton, Can., to accept a call to Marlboro, Mass.

Rev. J. H. Dietrich has resigned at Spokane, Wash., to accept a call to Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. E. L. Houghton has resigned at Norwell to accept a call to Whitman, Mass.

Rev. F. T. Crane has resigned at Stowe, Vt., to accept a call to Sterling, Mass.

Rev. Andrew Fish has accepted a call to Eugene, Ore.

Rev. Otto Lyding has accepted a call to the Third Church in Dorchester, Mass., and Mr. G. S. S. Kukhi has accepted a call to Sandwich, Mass.

Rev. R. P. Doremus has resigned at Farmington, Me., to accept a call to Kennebunk, Me., where he was installed on September 10.

Rev. Margaret B. Barnard has resigned at Rowe, Mass., to accept a call to Bernardston, Mass., where she was installed on September 7.

Rev. O. E. Duerr has resigned at Lancaster, Mass., Rev. C. E. Tomlin at Westboro, Mass., and Rev. S. R. Maxwell at Pueblo, Col.

Rev. P. M. McReynolds has accepted a call to Greeley, Col.

Rev. E. H. Reeman has resigned at Lancaster, Pa., to accept a call to Trenton, N. J.

Rev. T. P. Byrnes has resigned at Erie, Pa., to take charge of the new church at Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. Maxwell Savage will be installed at Lynn, Mass., on October 2.

Mr. Klaus Osterhuis of the Meadville Theological School has accepted a call to the Holland Unitarian Church at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Buildings

The new church of the Second Society in Brookline is nearing completion and will probably be ready to be dedicated on Sunday, November 12.

Good progress is being made on the new chapel and parish house in Lawrence, Mass.

Plans have been drawn and a lot purchased for a new church edifice for the Church of the Unity in St. Louis, Mo.

The churches in Ayer, Stoneham, Fitchburg and Leicester, Mass., have undergone, during the summer, complete renovation and, in some cases, considerable interior alteration.

Plans are being formed for the completion of the church in Schenectady, N. Y.

New organs have been installed at Haverhill, Mass., and Charleston, S. C.

The recently purchased church in Oklahoma City will be ready for dedication in October. An addition containing Parish Parlors and Sunday School rooms is now in course of construction.

The new church of the Unitarian Society in Middlesex, Vt., was dedicated

on June 27. The sermon was preached by Rev. L. C. Carson of Montpelier.

The recently purchased Parsonage at Ellsworth, Me., has been completely repaired and furnished during the summer and has now been occupied by the minister and his family.

The society in Omaha, Neb., has purchased a lot for the new church and plans are being studied.

Finances

Our churches and their National Societies have pledged themselves to a joint campaign to raise One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars for the extension of our work during the year ending May 1, 1917. At first sight this looks like an exceedingly large undertaking. There are comparatively few people who realize, however, what Unitarians accomplished during the past year. The contributions for the American Unitarian Association were increased nearly $10,000; the campaign for the purchase of Star Island was carried through; and the endowment fund for the Women's Alliance was completed. Because these efforts were separate and comparatively unrelated, it needs a little calculation to realize how much was achieved during the year ending with May, 1916. These are the sums raised:

For the American Unitarian Association, over	$68,000
For the Alliance Endowment Fund, over	27,000
For the purchase of Star Island	44,000
For the churches in Western Canada	8,000
For the Service Pension Society	3,000
While the Young People's Religious Union added to its Endowment Fund over . .	2,000
These sums total over . .	$152,000

This does not include the sums raised for the maintenance of the regular work of the Alliance and the Young People's Religious Union.

At the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association held in Boston in May, a vote was passed expressing deep satisfaction with the notable financial achievements of the past year, and the pronounced progress that has been made in a wider proclamation of the Unitarian faith; and calling for a campaign for the raising of $160,000 during this new year. This will be an increase of less than $8,000 over the past year, and this can be achieved by continuing the same spirit of courage and consecration.

The vote at the Annual Meeting divided up this sum as follows:

For the American Unitarian Association $75,000, an increase of less than $7,000 over last year's contributions;

For the endowment of the Young People's Religious Union $25,000.

$5000 for the support of the Tuckerman School, which is at an important turning point in its development, as this autumn the school will begin to occupy its new building.

$10,000 for the Unitarian Service Pension Society, for its immediate needs.

$45,000 for the needed equipment of new churches and missions. The success of the preaching missions of the past year is in a large sense a real achievement, but in a still larger sense it is a challenge. It is a record rather of important movements begun than of things carried through to completion, and if the ground gained the past year in deepening the spiritual life in our churches and extending our faith into new fields is to be held, there is need of adequate equipment.

The vote of the Annual Meeting was important in another regard. In the various financial campaigns of the past year there was duplication of effort and insufficient co-operation, and this vote urged that "all societies and individuals co-operate heartily in these important plans for the coming year, that the ground gained during the past year may be strongly held and the forward movement vigorously continued." The various Unitarian organizations which are included in the special effort for the present year will co-operate heartily in this campaign.

This undertaking will result not only in an increased support for Unitarian work, but inevitably in the greater vitality of our churches. This financial

campaign is not merely an effort to raise money. It is one of the means of expressing a vision. It appeals not only to foresight and sagacity but to courage and faith. It calls for the expression of the moral and spiritual qualities of the people of our free churches. Its complete success will not be totalled in figures but measured by the stature of our spiritual life.

Headquarters

The work which centers at the national headquarters has entered the new year with vigor and promise. During the summer the officers and representatives of the Association have, with the exception of brief vacations, been active. The President has preached at Manchester, Nahant, and Fairhaven, Mass.; Newport, R. I.; Star Island, N. H.; York, Castine, Northeast Harbor, and Seal Harbor, Me., and he had charge of the office during July. The Secretary had charge of the office in August and he also preached at the Arlington Street Church, Boston, and at Star Island, N. H. The Treasurer was called to the Mexican border early in the summer by the illness of one of his sons, and during his absence his partner, Mr. Henry H. Fuller, was kind enough to serve the Association. The illness of Mrs. Forbes prevented the Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service from making his projected visit to the Canadian Northwest but he has been able to give the lectures at Meadville and to take his part in the summer term of the Theological School. Mr. Lawrance and Miss Buck have been very busy with the work of the Summer Institutes at Andover, N. H., Meadville, Pa., and at the Isles of Shoals. Mr. Lawrance remained at the Shoals throughout the later summer meetings. Mr. Saunderson conducted the Ministers' gathering at Andover, N. H., and also preached at Manchester, Mass., Bar Harbor, Hancock Point, West Gouldsboro and Sullivan, Me.

Of the Field Secretaries, Mr. Brown had charge, as for many years, of the work at Chautauqua, and upon its conclusion visited and spoke at Jamestown, N. Y., Erie, Pa., Marietta, O., and Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Fairley has had charge, during the summer, of the chapel at Cape Rozier, Me., where he makes his summer home, and in September went to the western part of his district to visit the churches in Ithaca and Dunkirk, N. Y., and Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Nobbs has had charge of the novel and interesting work of the Tent Mission on Cape Cod. He has also superintended the repairs on the church in Randolph, Mass., and been in constant correspondence with the New England churches. He spent the month of September in visiting the churches in Maine. At Sanford there was the problem of the proposed new church building; at Kennebunk there was the installation of the new minister; at Saco, Portland, Augusta, and Waterville, conferences with ministers and people, and a discussion with its officers of the work of the Maine Unitarian Association; at Yarmouth the problem of an aided church, and at Farmington that of a new minister; at Bangor, Belfast, Castine, and Ellsworth, interviews with ministers and people; at Eastport, the fall meeting of the Maine Conference, and in Aroostook County the problem of the pastorless churches at Presque Isle and Fort Fairfield. On this journey Mr. Nobbs has given his Sundays to Sanford and Kennebunk, Farmington, Houlton, Ellsworth and Castine. Mr. Pratt remained at his work in Virginia throughout July, took August for his vacation, and has now returned to his work at Richmond. Mr. Murdock has been very busy with the preparations for the missionary journey of Rev. W. L. Sullivan and has been Mr. Sullivan's travelling companion throughout the month of September.

Department of Religious Education

The appearance of Prof. Clayton R. Bowen's *The Gospel of Jesus* is an event of much importance. The book will be a great help in Sunday School work, this being the book for pupils thirteen years of age in the New Beacon Course. It will be equally and even more widely useful as an introduction to the life and

teaching of Jesus, the like of which is not elsewhere to be found. Made up from the first three gospels, retaining the Bible language and atmosphere, combining the contributions of the synoptic writers in an order determined by critical knowledge, we have in this book a full-length portrait of Jesus of Nazareth. Not only is it the most valuable book to place in the hands of pupils in order to give them a clear view of the Gospel story, it will serve the same purpose for the teacher, for parents, and for all who seek a short, clear road to the heart of the Master. This book should be upon every pulpit, on every minister's study-table, and in the hands of parents and children alike.

To adapt this book to the especial needs of pupils thirteen years of age, Rev. Florence Buck is preparing a Teacher's Manual and a Pupil's Note-Book. These are approaching completion and will be in the printer's hands soon after this number of *Word and Work* reaches its readers. The manual will provide very full and clear comment and teaching suggestions, equipping teachers and parents of young people in an exceptional manner to present the Gospel story. The Note-Book will provide opportunity for self-expression on the part of the children, and will give the home a chance it should be eager to seize for co-operating not only with the Sunday School in its work but with the children in acquiring a mental picture of Jesus and a helpful understanding of his message. In order to meet the early demand, the opening chapters of Miss Buck's manual will be issued in leaflet form about October 9.

The success of Miss Frances M. Dadmun's first book, "Living Together," for pupils seven years of age, lends interest to the announcement of a second book by the same author, which is expected soon. This second book is intended to follow the first, being especially prepared for pupils eight years of age. It is entitled "Children of the Father," and contains stories of children and of adults who keep the child spirit. The lessons are taken largely from the Bible, but a few are chosen from the religious history of other peoples, and from great fiction. Like the preceding book in the series, this is meant for the teacher's use. For the pupils, Miss Dadmun has prepared expressional work that is artistic and of great educational value.

Thus three grades in the new course will be provided for use this fall: Miss Dadmun's two books for primary grades, and Mr. Bowen's and Miss Buck's for the intermediate grades. In addition to these there are several already written which will be issued early in the present school year. Dr. Dodson's book on *The Sympathy of Religions*, for the Advanced Department, is already in the printer's hands. Mrs. Marshall's book, *God's Loving Care*, Primary; Mr. Vail's *Heroic Lives*, Junior; and Mr. Sullivan's *How Christianity Began*, Intermediate, are already in manuscript.

The past summer has afforded no interruption of effort on the part of the Secretary and Associate Secretary of this department. In addition to work on the Beacon Course, they have been active in three Institutes for Religious Education,— one at Andover, N. H., continuing eight days, one at Meadville, Pa., sixteen days, and the third at the Isles of Shoals, six days. These institutes were well attended, bringing together teachers and officers of Sunday Schools from several states and many cities. Dr. Dodson, of St. Louis, President Southworth, Professor Spencer and Dr. Benzinger, of the Meadville Theological School, Professor Winchester of Yale University, Professor Waterman of the University of Michigan, and Miss Mary Lawrance, assisted the Secretary and Associate Secretary of this Department in carrying on this work. Mr. Lawrance was also the responsible head of two other Institutes, both at the Isles of Shoals. One was a Sunday School gathering, under the auspices of the Religious Education Association, the other a Sociological Conference.

Billings Lecturers

Five ministers have accepted appointments on the Billings Foundation. Rev. W. L. Sullivan of New York accepted a commission from

the Association to visit the churches in California. A complete and compact itinerary was constructed for him by Field Secretary Murdock and Mr. Sullivan has been meeting these appointments with diligence and efficiency. He began at San Francisco on September 3d and concluded his engagements at Helena on September 27th. He has visited practically all the churches from San Francisco northward to Oregon and Washington and has everywhere been welcomed with large congregations. Rev. F. R. Griffin of Montreal accepted a similar commission to visit the churches in the Canadian Northwest and has spent the month of September chiefly in Winnipeg, Calgary, Saskatoon, and Edmonton. His pulpit has been supplied by the officers of the Association. He will return to preach in Ottawa on October 1st and on the following day will meet the President of the Association in Montreal for report and conference. Rev. R. W. Boynton of Buffalo has accepted a commission to go to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa in the month of October. Primarily he will meet a series of engagements with the church in St. Paul, his former parish, but he will also have opportunity to represent the Association at several of the Western State Conferences and to hold missionary meetings at St. Cloud and other places. Dr. Charles W. Wendte will go later upon a visit to the German Evangelical Churches in the Ohio Valley, and Rev. F. M. Eliot, President of the Young People's Religious Union, will later make a journey in the Middle West.

Ministerial Union

An interesting experiment is to be tried in the management of the Ministerial Union during the coming year. Its meetings are held in Channing Hall on the last Monday in each month at 11 a. m. beginning in October; and it is planned to serve during intermission a buffet luncheon, the cost of which will be met out of the treasury.

From estimates presented to the executive committee at their meeting in June, it was thought that the plan could be financed successfully provided a sufficient number of the ministers pay the annual dues of $1.00 at the October meeting. The chief aim of the committee in planning these luncheons is to secure a more intimate acquaintance and a closer working fellowship among the large number of Unitarian Ministers who live within easy reaching distance of Boston, but many of whom are now unacquainted with each other.

It was also decided at the meeting of the committee that the subjects to be discussed at the meetings of the Union during the current year shall be limited to the practical problems of parish ministers in their work, instead of attempting to cover the wider range of those social, economic and philosophical themes which are apt to lead to more abstract discussion.

At the October meeting, after a brief introduction by the new president, Rev. Adelbert Lathrop Hudson, outlining the plans of the year, there will be twenty-minute addresses by Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham and Rev. Edward Cummings, former presidents of the Union, who will speak of its general aims, its relation to the work of the churches, and its present possibilities of usefulness. After intermission the discussion of these addresses will be opened by Rev. Maxwell Savage of Lynn.

Unitarian House, Chautauqua, N. Y.

The work at Chautauqua has gone on as usual with Rev. and Mrs. William ChanningBrown in charge. The fact of an unusually large attendance, and an increased enthusiasm and success in all branches of Chautauqua activity, has reacted upon our Headquarters and given us a very busy season. Visitors have come from all sections of America. The attendance at our meetings has been large, the loan library has been well patronized and large numbers of pamphlets have been given to enquirers.

Beside the minister in charge the following ministers have preached: Dr. George R. Dodson of St. Louis; Rev. Thomas P. Byrnes of Erie; Rev. Richard W. Boynton of Buffalo; Rev. R. Shaw Barrow of Troy; Rev. Frank L. Phalen

of Waterville, Me.; and Rev. H. J. Adlard of Dunkirk, N. Y.

Perhaps the most important function of Unitarian Headquarters lies in the constant hospitality it extends to all comers. The door is never locked throughout the season. Visitors and friends are always welcome and it is a center of friendly acquaintance.

Use for Old Hymn Books

The Association has frequent opportunity to put to good use copies of hymn books which have been used by societies adopting the new book. Used books may be sent to the Association with the assurance that they will be placed to good advantage in the hands of struggling societies or new movements which can present a just claim to this sort of assistance. Discretion should be exercised in sending only books which are still serviceable. Those with broken bindings or loose leaves are not available and are of use only as old paper.

The Tent Mission

The novel experiment of the Tent Mission on Cape Cod has worked out with gratifying results. The enterprise was under the direction of Field Secretary Nobbs and under the direct charge of Rev. Henry G. Ives, Rev. Herman F. Lion, and Mr. Robert F. M. Holt. The equipment consisted of a large meeting-tent and two smaller living tents, with a small organ, seven dozen chairs, music stand, hymn books, and the necessary furnishings for the sleeping and cooking tents. The equipment cost about $500. The meetings, of one week each, minus the day needed for moving, were held at Sandwich, Barnstable, Brewster, Orleans, Wellfleet, Provincetown, Chatham, Harwich, and South Yarmouth. The purpose of the mission was to preach personal religion in a vital way without emphasizing controversial matters or needlessly raising points of difference with other churches. This has been satisfactorily carried out and there was a good attendance throughout the meetings. The tent has been a genuine church. By careful economy the expenditures have been kept within a few dollars of the amount appropriated by the Board. This experiment justifies its continuance and further development.

Summer Institutes

The Institutes of Religious Education have been peculiarly successful during the past summer. The first one, at Andover, N. H., June 25 to July 2, was conducted with the co-operation of the New Hampshire Conference. The second, at Meadville, July 5 to 21, was carried on with the co-operation of the Meadville Theological School. The third, at the Isles of Shoals, July 24 to 29, was under the joint auspices of the Association and the Unitarian Summer Meetings Association. The chief lecturer during the summer was Rev. George R. Dodson, Ph. D., of St. Louis. At Meadville there were courses by the President and the Professors of the Theological School and by both of the officers of the Department of Religious Education, as well as additional lectures by visiting ministers. At the Isles of Shoals the officers of the Department were assisted by Professor Winchester of Yale and Professor Waterman of Michigan. At each one of these Institutes the main emphasis was laid on the three phases of preparation for the teaching of religion: "Child Psychology", "Biblical Introduction", and "Methods of Conducting Schools and Teaching Classes". A considerable group of persons attend these Institutes year by year and so are acquiring the training that will make them far more efficient in Sunday School work than they could otherwise be.

Ministers' Institute

The Ministers' Institute will meet at Springfield October 2-4 inclusive. Programs have been distributed to all Unitarian ministers. An additional Ministers' Institute, under the charge of the Editorial Secretary of the Association, will be held at Madison, Wis., October 16-17.

Fall Conferences

So far as notice has as yet been received at headquarters the fall State and local Conferences will be held as follows:

Maine Conference at Eastport, September 27-28.

New Hampshire Unitarian Association at Walpole, N. H., October 18-19.

South Middlesex at Belmont, and North Middlesex at Tyngsboro, October 11.

Worcester at Hudson, October 12.

Connecticut Valley at Northfield, October 16-17.

Norfolk Conference at West Roxbury on October 18.

Plymouth and Bay Conference at Braintree on October 25.

Channing Conference at Fall River, Nov. 1.

Illinois Conference at Geneseo, October 10-11.

Iowa State Conference at Sioux City, October 3-4.

Headquarters in New York

Under the new arrangement between the Association and the Middle States Conference the responsibility for maintaining the Headquarters in New York City has now been assumed by the Association. The office will still be maintained at 104 East 20th Street through the courtesy of All Souls' Church and will be in charge of Miss Mildred P. Ashley. Miss Ashley is a graduate of the Tuckerman School, and brings to her work a wide and sympathetic knowledge of things Unitarian. We bespeak for her the co-operation of all friends in the Middle States district who have occasion to use the Headquarters. An effort is being made to provide the office with all material essential to our work, and the Association will welcome suggestions as to means for improving the service.

The New Hymn and Tune Book

Publication Department

Since the last issue of *Word and Work* the following Unitarian Societies have installed the new book, namely: Middleboro, Taunton and Petersham, Mass.; Geneseo, Ill.; and Houston, Texas. It has also been adopted by the Universalist churches of Kent, Ohio, and Rochester, Minn. The Universalist publishing house has purchased a quantity of books, and is selling them direct to Universalist churches. We trust that many more societies are making plans to install the book this fall, and it will be a pleasure to co-operate in supplying the books and carrying out the details incident to the adoption.

Word and Work

Encouraged by the success of the past two years, the department again approaches the churches with the group-rate proposition. The testimony of men who have given this a thorough trial is unanimous and convincing. We trust that many others are planning to circulate subscription lists, and thereby add to the number of Unitarians who are thus kept in touch with their national work. The large enterprises which will be carried on this year give added value to this official monthly bulletin.

The New Tract

On September 1 the latest tract, No. 281, was distributed to correspondents. This is entitled "The Mission of Unitarianism" by Rev. Marion Franklin Ham. Copies are available for distribution under the usual conditions.

New Books

The Association is co-operating with a secular publisher in distributing the latest book by Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany entitled "The Syrian Christ". Every reader of "A Far Journey" and friend of Mr. Rihbany will desire to own his latest contribution. The book may be had at $1.50, or, if by mail, at $1.60. We trust that Unitarians in large numbers will secure this book which we can heartily recommend.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Anna M. Bancroft, *President*
Hopedale, Mass.

Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
11 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Rec. Sec.*,
25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Cor. Sec.*,
226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange

In writing of the Cheerful Letter Exchange the chairman wishes to not only unfold the scope of the work and emphasize its immense possibilities, but to so interest the Alliance Branches who have no Cheerful Letter Committees that each will decide that it is a vital part of the whole work of The Alliance and in the coming year form a committee.

There are four distinct departments. Primarily that which gives the Exchange its name, the writing and exchange of Cheerful Letters, letters that shall carry comfort, inspiration and cheer into the homes of the shut-ins and shut-outs who either by illness, poverty or isolation cannot keep in touch with the world's doings.

We have over a thousand of such correspondents, all over the United States, in Canada, Philippines, West Indies, India and in fact in any corner of the earth where our work is known and our cheer applied for. All these names are kept at headquarters and correspondents may be obtained by application to the chairman.

The department next in order is that for the distribution of books and magazines, called "The Book Club". The secretary of The Cheerful Letter Exchange has full charge of this. Books are sent to correspondents, boxes of old magazines to institutions and individuals, and current magazines to hundreds of people who would otherwise go without. This, of course, is done through the branches to which the secretary sends names of those who desire to help in this department. Many people are eager to do the work along these lines as very little correspondence is necessary.

We are especially emphasizing the work of the library department which is carried on in two ways, either the library sent is a traveling library or one that is to be made permanent and in many instances proves to be the nucleus of a town library.

In the smaller communities the traveling library is better since it is passed on to another neighborhood and new books sent to the first locality when the books have been well read by the small number of people who can have access to it. Permanent libraries are sent to larger centers and each year the Branch which has first sent the books adds a volume or two if possible. These libraries contain from fifty to one hundred books and the joy they give and their educational value cannot be estimated.

The last of the four departments grew out of the need and desire of our correspondents for more education. It has helped many young people and often older ones also, to broaden their education and get more out of life. It has even made it possible for young teachers to take certain State examinations which have recently been required in the southern states. This department is carried on exactly as the correspondence schools are and we have had students in many subjects, among them, all the grammar school branches, botany, drawing, music, astronomy, Latin, bookkeeping and algebra.

It is a fact that so far, we have been able to help in every case. Even two young men, one desiring instruction in veterinary medicine and one in pharmacy, had books and papers sent them.

There are besides these four departments, what may be called three subdepartments, these were created two years ago, when, the work having

greatly increased in all directions, we felt we needed additional help along definite lines. Three of our faithful workers volunteered their services. One to answer appeals for Bibles, one to send out patch-work pieces, and the third to collect and send music. All the appeals for these three articles which come to headquarters are passed to these volunteers and any appeal which a committee cannot answer may also be sent.

Mention must also be made of the little "Cheerful Letter", which the exchange publishes each month. There are four reasons for subscribing to this.

First it is sent to shut-ins. This is made possible by subscriptions from the Alliance Branches. It is also the medium through which the committees keep in touch with requests for special books or magazines and in which may be advertised books and magazines which committees have to give away.

Again it is one way in which the seed of our Unitarian faith is being sown as the little paper has each month one Unitarian sermon or an article by some one of our liberal faith, and lastly the executive work of the Exchange is supported by the subscriptions. When the Branches are making their appropriations we trust they will remember how much good may be done with each subscription.

This is the Cheerful Letter story in outline. The chairman will gladly answer all questions regarding the work and send copies of the little brown booklet telling of the work with sample copies of "The Cheerful Letter".

We shall welcome cordially all new committees, and we assure you, there is much to interest, much mutual pleasure in doing the work of the Cheerful Letter Exchange.

Caroline E. C. Saville,
Chairman Cheerful Letter Committee.

Suggested Topics for the Use of Alliance Branches

1. The Church.
   - Loyalty to one's church.
   - What women are doing in our own and other churches.
   - How can we best promote sociability in the church and extend hospitality to strangers?
   - Should children be obliged to attend church?
   - How can we make the church attractive to children?
   - What is the call of the hour to Unitarian women?
2. The Alliance.
   - How did it originate? (Refer to "The Alliance History".)
   - How can each Branch best promote the welfare of its own church?
   - How can we make the Alliance better?
   - Why I am an Alliance woman.
   - Why should *all* members of Branches become members of The Alliance?
3. The Sunday School.
   - What is the mission of the Sunday School?
     - (a) From the standpoint of the home.
     - (b) From the standpoint of the teacher.
   - Is the Sunday School necessary to the life of the church?
   - What is the duty of Alliance members with reference to the Sunday School?
4. The Young People's Religious Union.
   - Its origin and growth.
   - Its special field of work.
   - How can it best help the life of the church?
   - What can Alliance women do to assist in the work of the Union?
5. The Bible.
   - How the Bible came to be.
   - Its historic value to mankind.
   - The Bible as literature.
   - The relation of the Bible to modern religious life.
   - How can the Bible best be used for instruction and life?
6. Unitarian Literature.
   - Hymns and hymn writers.
   - The hymns of the liberal faith.

What hymns shall we sing?
Our poets as religious teachers.
Our religious periodicals.

7. Missions.

References.

World Missions and World Peace, by Caroline Atwater Mason, a book issued by the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions.

The King's Highway. The Child in the Midst and *The King's Business* issued by the same committee.

Soldiers of the Prince, a book for juniors for this year.

8. Social Service.

Topics from the Social Service Program, issued from 25 Beacon Street.

9. Temperance.

Discoveries of Science respecting the effects of alcohol.

Temperance and the wage earner.

May L. Houghton,
Chairman of the Study Class.

Executive Board

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held June 9, 1916, Miss Bancroft in the chair. Among those present was Dr. Abby Fox Rooney of Los Angeles, California.

The treasurer reported that from money contributed for war relief, $50 has been sent to Mrs. Weller in France and $37 to the Belgian Hospital Fund.

New Junior Alliances were reported at Francestown, N. H., Rochester, N. Y., and Norfolk, Va., making eight that have been welcomed this year. The Junior Fellowship Committee has under consideration the matter of a Prayer Book for Young People. Great interest has been aroused in the kind of book outlined by Rev. Frederick M. Eliot for young people's meetings or private use; to contain only the best material from the literary and religious points of view, a series of devotional exercises, one for the morning and one for the evening of each day in the week, with provision for holidays and special occasions; a volume attractive in form.

Letters from Mrs. Love, Director for Washington, and from Rev. Fred A. Weil of Bellingham showed so clearly the opportunity in Bellingham to reach students at the State Normal School that it was voted to appropriate $50 for Mr. Weil to use at his discretion for his work with students.

The Endowment Fund was reported to be over $27,000 in contributions and pledges.

Votes of thanks were offered to the South Congregational Church for its continued hospitality in welcoming The Alliance for its annual business meeting; to the committee on ushers, Mrs. Dinsmoor, Mrs. Perkins, Miss Whitman, for their great attention to the details that made the great audience in Tremont Temple comfortable and happy; to Mrs. Metcalf and her associates for their help in making the congregational singing an inspiring part of the program; and to all who assisted at Alliance headquarters during that busy Anniversary Week.

Mrs. Ware has been appointed a member of the Conference Committee to succeed Miss Bacon, who will now serve on the Badge Committee.

Mrs. Blair was elected to succeed Mrs. Peck on the Cheerful Letter Committee.

Power to fill vacancies during the summer was given to the President together with the nominating committee of the Board.

The wisdom of spending money for traveling having been brought home afresh in connection with the recent meetings when the members from parts of the country distant from Boston contributed so much and declared themselves to have gained so great inspiration from attendance, the Board voted that appropriations for traveling be left to the President, Recording Secretary, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, such expenditure to be considered as current expenses.

The Recording Secretary was authorized to secure additional slides and subject matter for the Alliance Travel-

ogue to bring the lecture up to date in time for the new working year.

Dr. Rooney was cordially welcomed. She brought greetings from Los Angeles and expressed the hearty appreciation of the Pacific Coast members of the grand things The Alliance is doing. Cordial greetings were sent through Dr. Rooney to the California branches.

Resolutions were read that had been adopted at the annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union conveying congratulations and wishes for the continuance of cordial relations between the Union and The Alliance. A note of thanks and good wishes was ordered in reply .

It was voted to hold the next meeting September 15, 1916.

Miss Bancroft presided at the meeting held September 15, and twenty-seven members were present from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and Missouri with a visitor from Idaho, Mrs. McCrackin.

Headquarters report told of 482 visitors to Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, during the summer, from New England and New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Florida, Texas, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

Mrs. Charles P. Lombard of Plymouth, Mass., has become a life member. The name of Mrs. Camilla M. Johnson, faithful Post Office Mission worker of the New South Branch, Boston, for manyyears, has been placed *in memoriam.*

The Board put on record its appreciation of the devoted service of Rev. Francis M. McHale whose death occurred on September 4, and ordered a letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. McHale. Rev. Gustave H. Zastrow will carry on the work of the Georgia-Florida circuit, visitmg the places cared for by Mr. McHale, and in addition planning to organize a group in Tallahassee.

It was voted to grant the request of Rev. E. Ethelred Brown to hold for the present the money sent in response to his appeal for Whitfield, Jamaica, where a vigorous orthodox movement has aroused many prejudices against Mr. Brown and his message. It is a satisfaction to know that the work at Kingston is prospering.

It was voted to renew the appeal for $300 for the cause of liberal religion in Italy, where for the past two years the contributions from Alliance branches in response to such an appeal have enabled Mme. Benso to carry forward the work of liberal women under the direction of Signor Conte.

It was voted to renew the appeal for War Relief.

A letter of sympathy was voted to Mrs. J. Arthur Lewis of Calgary whose husband has recently died of wounds received while serving in France.

A letter of greeting was voted to Mrs. Cairns, Connecticut director, who is recovering from a long illness.

The resignation of Mrs. Eugene R. Shippen, vice-president of the Middle West was accepted with regret. Mrs. Philip J. Wilson of Detroit, Michigan, will succeed Mrs. Shippen.

Mrs. E. M. Whiting of Berkshire is the newly elected director of Western Massachusetts.

Mrs. A. B. Kimball of Fairhaven has been added to the Study Class Committee.

The Board accepted with pleasure the invitation to hold the out of Boston meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, in January, 1917.

Miss Taussig, most cordially welcomed, brought greetings from St. Louis.

Miss Bacon conveyed the greetings of the branch at Meadville, Pa., where a pleasant interchange of courtesies took place between the Meadville branch and visiting Alliance women who were taking the summer courses.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

A Word From The Treasurer

Congratulations to all branches on the amount of money raised last year! $186,255.56 is the sum reported in the new Manual, a figure much larger than that of any other year and an increase of nearly $24,000 over the previous year.

While the spirit of The Alliance is not measured in dollars and cents, this

splendid achievement may certainly be taken as an index of the increased earnestness and enthusiasm of our members. The tables printed in the Manual on pages 188-210 reveal many interesting facts and are commended to all for careful study.

As the work of The Alliance is facilitated when branch dues are sent early in the year, branches are urged to adopt the business-like plan of sending out bills or reminders at the beginning of each year and making as early collections as possible. Let no Alliance member feel hurt if she is reminded that her dues have not been paid. The financial year of The Alliance is May 1 to April 30, and branches are asked to adopt the same dates, making their appropriations before April 30th and closing their books on that date, even when the meetings are prolonged into May or June.

Will branch treasurers kindly observe the following directions which will help them to co-ordinate their work with that of the general treasurer:

1. Arrange account books so that the items in the tables may be readily drawn off and entered on the blanks which are sent out each spring for the compilation of the Manual.

2. Send all money for furthering the general work of The Alliance directly to the Treasurer. This includes not only the one-third membership fees, life memberships and gifts made *in memoriam*, but all contributions made for Southern Circuit work and in response to the National Appeals which are listed each month in *Word and Work*. Appropriations for objects not thus specified should be sent directly to the treasurers of the societies for which they are intended, such as The Carolina Industrial School, The Unitarian Temperance Society, The Ministers' Service Pension Society, New England Associate Alliance, etc., as well as all organizations not under Unitarian auspices.

3. In sending the annual dues please state the number of members, and if some pay only a local fee, less than one dollar, state the number and tell the size of the fee. Both classes must be counted in making up the amount due the general treasury. For example: assuming a branch to have a membership of 63, of which 48 pay a local fee of only 25 cents while the remaining 15 pay the full fee of $1.00, the dues are reckoned thus:

15 members at $1.00 equals	15.00
48 members at 25 cents equals. . . .	12.00
Total receipts . .	$27.00

One-third of $27.00 equals $9.00, which is the amount due the general treasury. The treasurer sometimes finds discrepancies in the number of members given in the Manual and the amount of dues received. No one should be counted a member until her dues have been paid. Honorary members bear such titles in the branch only, and for such, one-third of the regular dues should be sent to the general treasury. Life membership in the general association does not constitute a woman a member of a branch. Each branch must reckon at least three members as full dollar members. Delegates to the annual and other business meetings of The Alliance must be regular members paying the dollar fee to the branch treasury.

4. Make all checks or money orders payable to the order of the treasurer and send the amount of each remittance in one check, not a separate check for each item. Also please give address, to which receipt is to be sent.

The treasurer sends greetings to the eighty-two new branch treasurers this year and welcomes the continued co-operation of those who remain in office.

LUCIA CLAPP NOYES.

The International Committee presents three Appeals to the Branches:

1. War Relief Appeal. The long continued war makes the renewal of this Appeal of the utmost importance. The European members of the International Union of Liberal Christian Women need more than ever the sympathy and interest that we, their American sisters can give in this third year

of unprecedented hardship and strife. They bravely and without complaint bear their heavy burdens. With limited means they are doing their utmost to assist those less fortunate, namely: the wounded, interned aliens, prisoners of war, and women and children stranded in an alien country. This Appeal is for no definite sum. It is hoped the branches will give generously and thus co-operate with the women of our liberal faith abroad in their works of self-sacrifice and mercy.

2. Italian Appeal, $300. Another year of progress has marked the missionary work of the American Unitarian Association in Italy. In spite of the war the Italian League of Liberal Christian Women under the guidance of Signora Benso has had a year of steady success. The branches are again asked for $300 to aid this most encouraging work in the cause of Free Christianity in Italy.

3. Alliance Missionary in China, $600. A little more than a year ago The Alliance undertook a new venture when our Alliance missionary Miss Edith G. Pecker sailed from San Francisco to take up work in Shanghai. Monthly letters to *Word and Work* have told of her success as the sole Unitarian representative in the International Institute of China. In order that her work so well and so auspiciously begun may be continued for the current year the branches are asked to contribute $600 to this appeal.

ELIZABETH MARQUAND,
Chairman of the International Committee.

Our Junior Alliances

Since the first Junior Alliance was formed, about seven or eight years ago, the interest has steadily grown until now we have sixty-six groups, scattered over the country, from Belfast to Seattle. The purpose has been to give our girls some definite work in the church, and to train them to become efficient Alliance members. In many undertakings of the Branch, the Juniors have a share, such as, taking charge of a table at church fairs, serving as waitresses at Parish Suppers, and helping on the Flower and Cheerful Letter Committees. They have also been very active in raising money to carry on enterprises of their own in the church and neighborhood.

Last year they were asked to share in the Endowment Fund, and at present they are interested in raising money to furnish "The Junior Alliance Room" in the new home of the Tuckerman School.

We hope the enthusiasm for Junior Alliance work will increase until we have as many groups as there are Alliance Branches.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the New England Associate Alliance will be celebrated in All Souls' Church, Roxbury, at 10.15 a. m. on October nineteenth. The original meeting of the Associate Alliance was held in this same church and the anniversary will be a significant occasion.

The Jacksonville, Florida, Branch is planning an extensive Post Office Mission work in Florida this winter and will advertise extensively in the public press. To secure funds to carry on this work they will hold a sale early in December of fancy articles. Individuals and branches are invited to contribute a handkerchief to Mrs. Jefferson Thomas, 1625 Park St., Jacksonville, Florida.

The Sudbury Alliance Branch will hold its annual Harvest Dinner and Sale as usual on Columbus Day, October 12th. When Rev. Ida C. Hultins resignation took effect on December 1st, 1915, services at the First Parish Church were suspended till May 1st and Rev. Wm. A. Wood now occupies the pulpit. The income of the fund of which the A. U. A. acts as trustee provides for preaching during the summer but, by the terms of gift may not be used for other expenses such as insurance and repairs of which some, too long delayed must be made at once. The Alliance will be grateful for a continuation of the friendly co-operation and generous patronage by sister Alliances in the past. A notice giving details of trains etc. will appear in the first October issue of the Christian Register.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

The Year's Work

There are three things which the Directors of the Young People's Religious Union desire to accomplish during the present year, for which they need the active co-operation not only of all the unions, but also of the denomination as a whole. These are first, a vigorous campaign for the completion of the thirty thousand dollar endowment fund; secondly, the inauguration of actual field work; and thirdly, a systematic attempt to increase the religious activities of our unions.

The last of these is in some ways the most important, and steps have already been taken in this direction. A topic-list for the year has been issued, and sample copies sent to the unions and to the ministers. The aim of this topic-list is to suggest subjects for weekly or monthly meetings, and in each month's issue of *"Word and Work"* there will be given further suggestions for the meetings of the month. Twenty five unions have already applied for copies of the card, and we hope that it may prove of real value to many societies.

Plans for a beginning of actual field work are now under consideration, of which details will probably be ready for the next issue of *Word and Work*. We hope to arrange for at least two, and possibly three trips by officers and directors of the Union to stimulate and encourage the work of our unions.

In the campaign for the endowment fund the Union will co-operate with the American Unitarian Association, in the campaign for $160,000, and will be represented on the central campaign committee. Our own campaign committee will, however, continue its work, and we hope that each union will do its full share in this most important undertaking.

The year that is ahead of us thus promises to be one of great activity, which should bear much fruit in increased interest on the part of the young people of our Unitarian churches. The great purpose of the Y. P. R. U. is to awaken and deepen the spiritual life of the coming generation, and the only measure of our success is found in the spiritual enthusiasm of those whom we can reach. By that test, may the coming year be our best yet!

Union-at-Large Report, 1915-1916

The Union-at-Large is just rounding out its tenth year. Mrs. Thomas Weston, Jr., of West Newton, then Miss Loring, was its originator and first chairman, serving five years, with the present chairman serving five. Of the original members but one is now receiving literature, this one being from Maryland.

Four of the young ladies who were enrolled at Bryn Mawr in 1908 are still members. Eight who were enrolled in 1909 are also on the list. One member is from the mountains of California; another we have followed from a northern college to the mines of the southwest; one who enrolled for 1910 and one for 1911 are teachers.

From an enrollment of thirty or forty we have grown to an enrollment of one hundred. The average for 1915-1916 was eighty-six.

One of the greatest difficulties of this committee for the coming year will be to find suitable tracts to use in the work, for we seem to have used all that are now in the American Unitarian list. Of course we are very grateful to the senior society for the one hundred and sixty they have already provided.

We are beginning to see the results of our work, for one of our members has gone from a student of an eastern

college to the professorship of a western college, and is carrying the young people's work on there. Another member is a professor in an eastern college and is doing very fine work among the boys.

You will remember that when I first took up this work I had visions of founding Unitarian Clubs in the colleges of the east, to correspond with the student work being done in the west; while I have never really realized that vision it has at least become a substantial shadow, for a young man has offered to start a club in one of the eastern colleges next year. I hope that this will be the successful beginning of many more.

Almira E. Simmons,
Chairman for the Union-at-Large.

Greetings from the Universalist Young People

At the annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union last May, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted and later sent to the Young People's Christian Union, the organization of young people in the Universalist Church, corresponding to our own Young People's Religious Union:

RESOLVED: That the Young People's Religious Union extends greetings to the Young People's Christian Union, with earnest good wishes for its continued prosperity in the work of awakening and stimulating liberal religion among the young people of America.

In return, the Young People's Christian Union assembled in its twenty-eighth annual Convention, in New Haven, Connecticut, sent the following letter to our secretary:

My dear Miss Torr: —

Your kind letter of greeting from the Young People's Religious Union to the Young People's Christian Union was read at our annual Convention in New Haven and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That our local, state and national Union co-operate with them whenever feasible and that the secretary be instructed to convey our deepest appreciation and good-will to the Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church in recognition of their friendly greetings to us.

Sincerely yours,

Carl F. Elsner,
Secretary.

The Topic List

In planning a series of meetings based on the Y. P. R. U. topic-card, assignments to those who are to lead the meetings should be made, when possible, a month in advance. Secure five members of your union to take charge of the meetings for the coming month, and have each leader prepare either a short address or write a paper on the topic for the day. Every member of the union ought to have read the Bible passage before the meeting and given some thought to the topic, so that after the paper all can take part in the discussion.

The important thing to bear in mind when preparing to lead a meeting is that the most valuable contribution you can make is a simple statement of your own opinions about the subject. Try to use as many illustrations as you can, taking them out of your own experience. A good plan is to pick out two or three poems or hymns and ask other members to read them after you have finished. Do not plan to speak for more than ten or twelve minutes; sometimes a five-minute talk is the very best. Whenever you can, ask your minister to be present and take part in the discussion.

Above all, do not be afraid to say whatever seems to you worth while. You can get valuable experience in public speaking out of these meetings.

Suggestions for October

October 1. The call to great service. The call that came to Moses — to leave the comforts of his life as a shepherd and go to the help of his enslaved fellow-countrymen in Egypt; his modesty as to his own abilities and the promise

of God to help him. How do you imagine the story of the burning bush came to be told? How did the call come to Booker Washington? ("Up from Slavery") Other illustrations of men who were called to great service: Abraham Lincoln, Mazzini, William Lloyd Garrison, Gladstone, Roosevelt. Read Walt Whitman's "Pioneers, O Pioneers," and sing Katherine Lee Bates' hymn "O beautiful for spacious skies".

October 8. Small service is true service. The kindly thoughtfulness of a little captive maid and its great results. The importance of little things — the boy who saved Holland from being flooded when the dykes broke; think of cases you have known where a little act has had great results. Why do we so often ignore small kindnesses? The value of courtesy; what is meant by chivalry? Read the story of Booker Washington's sweeping a room in "Up from Slavery", and sing George Herbert's hymn "Teach me, my God and King."

October 15. Who is my neighbor? Discuss the question of race-prejudice — why did the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans? Have we any responsibilities to the foreigners who have come to our shores? Read passages from Mary Antin's "The Promised Land," or Elias Tobenkin's "Witte Arrives", or A. M. Rihbany's "A Far Journey". What is being done in your town for the foreigners? What is the Y. M. C. A. doing? Sing Dr. Hosmer's hymn "O beautiful, my country".

October 22. The Meaning of Service. What did Jesus mean when he said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren ye did it unto me"? Service as the expression of the desire to do God's will. The best illustration of the thought is the story of St. Christopher. Read Leigh Hunt's "Abou ben Adhem", and sing Theodore C. Williams' hymn "When thy heart with joy o'er flowing".

October 29. Consecration to Service. The vision of Isaiah was like the visions of Joan of Arc, and like hers resulted in a life of service to his country. What is your opinion as to such visions? Are they real? At any rate they inspired real service. The incentive to service comes from a great ideal. What is meant by consecration? Every fruitful and happy life is governed by some great purpose; it is of the greatest importance to have the purpose of your life clearly in mind. Select and read a passage from Mark Twain's "Joan of Arc", and sing John Haynes Holmes' hymn, written for the Y. P. R. U., "The voice of God is calling."

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. EDGAR S. WIERS, *President*, Montclair, N. J.
MR. THOMAS H. ELIOT, *Vice-President*, Lowell, Mass.
Rev. CHESTER A. DRUMMOND, *Secretary*, Somerville, Mass.
CHARLES H. STEARNS, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

PROHIBITION NEWS

For your local press:

The following is the record of Police arrests in Portland, Oregon, during the first six months of Prohibition and the corresponding six months of last year.

1915—LICENSE	
January—June	
Total Arrests	10,040
Arrests for Drunkenness	3,074

1916—PROHIBITION	
January—June	
Total Arrests	3,074
Arrests for Drunkenness	716

The following gives the same story for Seattle, Washington.

1915—LICENSE	
January—June	
Total Arrests	10,152
Arrests for Drunkenness	2,272

1916—PROHIBITION	
January—June	
Total Arrests	5,444
Arrests for Drunkenness	1,577

From Spokane, Washington, comes a comparison of costs for five months of the Prohibition Year as compared with five months of the license year 1915.

1915	
Auditor	$12,396
Jail	6,028
Poor Farm	13,779
Aiding County Poor	20,943
Charitable Institutions	2,020
Mothers' Pensions	7,200

1916	
Auditor	$13,041
Jail	4,814
Poor Farm	9,680
Aiding County Poor	18,363
Charitable Institutions	2,025
Mothers' Pensions	2,080

Prohibition in the States recently gone dry is certainly working for betterment all along the line. Doubting Thomases should at least watch the figures as they come in.

NEW WARS FOR OLD

By JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

Minister of the Church of the Messiah, New York City

MR. HOLMES BOOK is a statement of Radical Pacifism in terms of Force versus Non-Resistance, with special reference to the Facts and Problems of the Great War. It is AN EXPOSITION OF THE PACIFIST ARGUMENT from the standpoints of expediency, human nature and religion; and THE LOGIC OF FORCE, ITS FALACIES and THE MEANING OF NON-RESISTANCE. ¶ The only book published expounding the pacifist argument, it is a work that no thinking individual who is striving to arrive at a sane, sensible and logical attitude on today's problems can afford to miss.

Price $1.50 net; by mail $1.64

For Sale By

THE BEACON PRESS, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

PREPARE YOUR SERMONS
According to a Method

Devised by a minister along lines recommended by leading professors of Homiletics.

Saves time, conserves research and keeps your data, manuscripts, book references and clippings at your finger's end.

Acting as a stimulous to thought it develops the creative and original and makes preparation pleasant and inspirational.

It enables you to enter your Pulpit with courage and

Deliver Your Message With Power

Sent on trial. Write today for free booklet entitled

"The Preparation and Care of Sermons"

THE BEACON PRESS, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

A book of unusual significance
by the author of
"A Far Journey"

ABRAHAM RIHBANY'S

THE SYRIAN CHRIST

There is unusual significance in this study and interpretation of Jesus Christ by a Syrian. As a prophet and a seer, Jesus belongs to all races and all ages, but in his modes of thought and life, and his methods of teaching, he was distinctly a Syrian.

Conditions of life in Syria have changed but little since the days of Jesus, and Mr. Rihbany's own experience and knowledge qualify him to throw fresh light on the life and teachings of Christ and on other portions of the Bible whose correct understanding depends to some extent on accurate knowledge of the original environment. For these common things, of an everyday life so unlike our own, are interwoven with the spiritual truths of the Bible; we must understand these conditions if we are to read it with full appreciation, and to get at the inner and vital significance of many passages in both Old and New Testaments.

Some of the important topics are the birth of Jesus, the song of the angels; the star of Bethlehem, filial obedience, the Last Supper, and the prayer in Gethsemane.

$1.50 Net; By Mail $1.60

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION
TWENTY-FIVE BEACON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.